

Local Correspondence.

Baptist Church—Mr. Cook's Welcome.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

We have decided to distribute among the charitable institutions within a circuit of twenty-five miles from New York City Hall the sum of **Twenty-one thousand Dollars**.

Twenty-one thousand Dollars pro rata, as per the number of our German Laundry Soap Wrappers held by each institution on the First day of November, 1888. Committee to distribute this donation to be selected by institutions holding ten thousand or more Wrappers.

This takes in Bloomfield, it being within 25 miles of New York.

CAUTION.

Many charitably-disposed persons have given last year to the **Laundry Soap**, and therefore such wrappers were not counted.

Ask for **CHAS. S. HIGGINS'**

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and see that each WRAPPER is BLUE and bears on its face the TRADE MARK of a COLORED WOMAN AT THE WASH-TUB.

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